Mangalore as International Airport

7146. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minister o CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start direct flight from Mangalore to Middle East countries;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up an international airport at Mangalore; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Subarnarekha project

7147. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have cleared the Subarnarekha Project, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the share of the Union Government for implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Subarnarekha Project in West Bengal has not been given investment approval by the Planning Commission for want of clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The State Government of West Bengal is to make available environment action plan for securing environmental clearance.

(c) Irrigation projects are fully funded by the State Governments from their 'Plan' resources.

[*Translation*]

Branch Post Offices in Giridih, Bihar

7148. SHRI RAMDEW RAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision in the policy decision of the Union Government to set up a branch post office in the biggest village of each panchayat;

(b) if so, the details of the places in Giridih where this facility has been provided so far;

(c) whether any final decision on 31 pending cases of Giridih district of Bihar is likely to be taken during 1992;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There is no provision in the policy of the Government to set up a Branch Post Office in the biggest village of each Panchayat. However, post offices are opened subject to fulfilment of the population, distance and income norms prescribed for the purpose.

(b) In view of (a) above the question does not arise. However, a list of post offices in Giridih District is given the attached Statement.